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SUBJ: EARTHQUAKE

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1. FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 15 QUAKE, PEKING HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL ACTIVITY. IN FACT, A COUPLE OF HOURS AFTER THE QUAKE RESIDENTS OF THE PEKING HOTEL WERE TOLD THEY COULD RETURN TO THEIR ROOMS. A NUMBER OF GUESTS, HOWEVER, SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE LOBBY AND SEVERAL USLO FAMILIES VACATED THEIR HOTEL ROOMS OR APARTMENTS AND BUNKED OUT AT USLO.

2. NO KNOWN INJURIES TO AMERICANS RESIDING OR TRAVELING IN PRC. A BRIEF TOUR THROUGH CITY INDICATES LITTLE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS OTHER THAN FEW BROKEN WINDOWS AND WALL CRACKS. PEKING CITIZENS TOOK QUAKE CALMLY.

3. AT 10:20 LOCAL TIME NOVEMBER 16, FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT PHONED USLO WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE:
QUOTE: ACCORDING TO THE REPORT GIVEN BY THE STATE SEISMOLOGICAL BUREAU, A STRONG TREMOR WITH A MAGNITUDE OF 6.9 ON THE RICHTER SCALE OCCURRED AT 2153 PEKING TIME NOVEMBER 15 IN TANG SHAN, THE OLD QUAKE-STRICKEN AREA. USLO MEMBERS CAN GO BACK TO YOUR APARTMENTS OR WORK IN THE OFFICE. YOU WILL BE FURTHER INFORMED IF THERE ARE NEW TREMORS. UNQUOTE

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4. NANCY TANG WHILE SAYING FAREWELL TO CODEL CURTIS TOLD US
THAT YESTERDAY'S QUAKE WAS CENTERED AT NINGHO, NEAR THE COAST
LINE BETWEEN TANGSHAN AND TIENTSIN, AND ALONG THE SAME FAULT LINE
OF JULY 28 EARTHQUAKE.

5. POST DOES NOT INTEND TO SEND ADDITIONAL SITREPS. WE WILL
FORWARD FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EFFECT OF EARTHQUAKE NEAR
EPICENTER IF OR WHEN AVAILABLE.
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